



## With the *Sept. 11, 1945* Colors

Calcutta, India.—Thousands of enlisted men, nurses and officers, members of station hospitals scattered throughout central India in the base section of the India-Burma theatre, have aided in keeping the American soldier in tip-top condition despite the heat and disease of this far-off country.

The station hospitals, ranging in size from 100 to 500 bed size, are located at vital installations, air-fields and camps—usually some distance from the larger cities. The station units, though smaller in size than the large general hospitals, are fully equipped and have handled all types of injury and disease.

Fighting disease in this theatre has been a job almost as difficult as fighting the Jap. But through efficient care and capable medical treatment, the station hospitals have kept American soldiers in the best of health and returned the ill to active duty in prime shape.

The station hospitals of the base section come under the command of Brigadier General R. R. Neyland. The base section was the important station in handling of incoming shipments of materials of war for the India-Burma and China theatres. The port at Calcutta led all other military ports in the swift unloading of ships and handling of cargo.

Captain Hallie B. Henninger of Newton is a member of one of the station hospitals in the section.

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Corporal Elza M. Turner writes the Press from the Philippines under date of August 19:

"I would like to take this opportunity to say 'hello' to all my friends at home and know you were just as glad to hear the good news as we were over here, for when that treaty is signed it means the end of the war, something we have all waited for so long to see.

"I feel that I had my share of good luck lately, too, for in addition to the war's ending, I got to see my brother, Frank, whom I haven't seen since I left home three years ago. We sure had a swell time together and thanks to my officers and his we got to spend a week together and during that time all of you at home must have had burning ears, for you and home were our main subjects of conversation.

"Frank has grown up since I saw him last, but I guess that is to be expected. I hope to see you all soon when our country is at peace again. Until then, God bless you all."

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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Turner of near Newton have received a letter from their two sons, Corporal Elza M. Turner and Seaman First Class W. Frank Turner, who are in the South Pacific. Elza is somewhere in the Philippines and Frank is on a minesweeper. He took part in the invasion on Borneo and is still busy sweeping mines, but to Frank's surprise Elza came sailing out to Frank's ship August 20.

Frank knew his brother at second look but was really surprised, he said. Frank went back to camp with Elza, ate chow the Army way, and Elza secured a pass to go out to Frank's ship again, so they spent the night together after three years of separation by the service of our country.

It is three years this month since Elza went to the Army. He never got a furlough before going overseas. They had plenty to talk about and lots of plans for the time they both get back home again.

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Advanced Base Construction Depot, Pearl Harbor, T. H.—The Navy Department announces that Kenneth E. Jones of Newton, now serving at this station, has been advanced to the rating of machinist's mate second class.

This advancement has come to Jones in recognition of outstanding faithfulness and skill in the performance of duty, and completion of the course of study prescribed for this new rating.

Kenneth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Jones of East Newton; and his wife the former Laura Reynolds lives on North Maple street, Newton.

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George McKimmy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. McKimmy of Hutsonville, formerly of near Rose Hill, is an aviation ordnanceman in the Navy, stationed on Eniwetok atoll in the Southwest Pacific, and has been overseas twenty-two months.

Another son, Charles McKimmy, is under treatment at a hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for wounds received in Luzon with the Thirty-eighth Infantry. A third son, Emery McKimmy, sailed for the Western Pacific, August 18, from the west coast.

No word has been received from him since then.

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Mrs. Minnie Bickers of Champaign spent last week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schafer of Newton. Her son, Fireman First Class James E. Bickers, who was injured last December at Leyte, is still in the hospital at Farragut, Idaho. His leg was crushed two inches below the hip. He has undergone four operations on his leg. He was on the U. S. S. Cooper, a destroyer, when it was torpedoed and sunk off Leyte by the Japs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clapp of West Liberty vicinity have received a letter from their son, Motor Machinist's Mate Third Class Marlin C. Clapp, written just after he had heard the war was over. He said that they were glad but did not know when they would get to come home. He is in the Philippines.

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Mrs. John E. Welker of Chicago had a surprise call from her husband, Master Sergeant John E. Welker, from Rome, Italy, a few days ago. He has been overseas almost three years. He said he would be home in the near future. He intends to visit Vatican City and various places while there.

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First Lieutenant William L. Mineo has been discharged from the Army Air Force. He was a bombardier and made fifty missions over Germany and German occupied territory in Europe before returning to the United States last year.

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Private First Class and Mrs. Wilford French of Newton were in Nashville, Tennessee, Saturday, where they saw the "Grand Ole Opry" broadcast.

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Ensign Don Ward is spending a thirty-one day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward of Newton. He is in the Navy Air Force.

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Corporal and Mrs. James Babbs are spending his furlough at and near Newton. He is being transferred to Kentucky.

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Private First Class Paul Yaw believed to be on his way home after three years in the West and Southw Pacific.